

Village of Los Lunas



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Shopping Locally Helps Improve the Village

Hard as it may be to believe, this month brings us Thanksgiving and then all too quickly it will be Christmas.

When you're shopping for holidays gifts and goodies, start with the stores in the greater Los Lunas area. There's plenty of shops where you can select from a variety of items that will fit your needs.

A significant percentage of the Gross Receipts Tax charged on many goods goes to the Village. This money is used to improve village infrastructure including streets; pay for public safety including the

police and fire departments; and provide many services for residents and even for people who visit or pass through the village.

Los Lunas has grown from only 1,000 people in 1970 to more than 10,000 residents as reflected in the 2000 Census. This growth has resulted in many more shops locating in the area.

So don't tangle with the traffic of the Big City first. Instead look to the Valencia County area for your holidays needs. You'll be helping

the community and you'll be making life easier.



Community Services Department Oversees Several Programs

The Village's Community Services Department consists of the DWI (Driving While Intoxicated) program, transportation program and housing program as well as performing facilities management for the Wellness Center and oversees the Employee Assistance Program for the Village of Los Lunas.

Director of the Community Service Department is Frank Otero.

DWI Program

The Village is the fiscal agent for the Valencia County DWI Program which is why it is housed in the Wellness Center on Lambros Loop.

The building blocks of the DWI program are prevention, enforcement, screening and tracking, compliance monitoring, treatment and

alternative sentencing.

The program works to eliminate the problems resulting from substance abuse by improving the physical and social environment thus advancing public health and safety.

DWI program professionals work closely with law enforcement, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, educators, treatment professionals and the public to build a community-based cooperative effort to solve the dangers resulting from substance abuse.

The DWI program can be reached through the Wellness Center — 839-3859.

Transportation Program

The Transportation Program provides demand response curb-

to-curb service.

Otero explained the Transportation Program's mission is to provide a reliable and efficient fee-based transportation system to meet the needs of citizens of Los Lunas and the surrounding area. As a public transportation system, the program must also meet the needs of the needy, disabled and those seeking employment.

There is a minimal charge for the service which is sometimes waived. The base charge is \$1.

Vehicles active and running include three busses and two vans. Another bus is being purchased.

Service is not being provided to Albuquerque as the program gears

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Clean Ups Continue

It's not just spring and fall when clean ups occur in the village. Marie Marquez and Josie Navarette coordinate monthly clean ups to help keep the village looking good. Sometimes the participants are performing Community Service time (assessed in municipal court) when cleaning up. In October 52 bags of trash were picked up in four hours.

Christmas Tree Stops in LL

The White House Christmas Tree will be a New Mexico tree this year. Before the tree travels to Washington, D.C., the tree will tour through 18 New Mexico communities including Los Lunas.

The tree will be at the Village Administrative Building, Main Street and Don Pasqual, from 8:30 to 9:30 am Tuesday, November 15.

Traffic Improvements Mean Some Inconvenience

Synchronization of the traffic lights on Main Street between Interstate 25 and the Rio Grande is requiring some inconveniences as lights must be temporarily turned off and traffic operated with stop signs or policemen.

The hassle should be worth it as the ultimate goal is a free flow of traffic along Main Street on the west side of the village.

Village officials appreciate the public's patience as this project is completed. Officials also appreciate everyone's patience as other projects are completed including the Luna Hills and Interstate 25 projects.

Streets to be Improved

Work should begin after the first of the year on improvements to Calle Don Demetrio, Balboa Court, Carlson Drive and Russell Drive as part of the Municipal Arterial Program.

Identify Address for Safety

Placing easily-seen identification numbers on your property is something that should be done as a safety measure.

Large numbers make it much easier for emergency workers to identify a location.

Village ordinances say "owners of all properties containing buildings should number such properties at the expense of the owners with durable numerals at least three inches high in such manner and location as to be plainly visible from the street."

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?



Registered Voters Living in the Village of Los Lunas Will Vote for Mayor and Municipal Judge in March

Registered Voters in Districts 2 and 4 Vote for Councilors

Attend A Council Meeting!

The Los Lunas Village Council meets twice a month in the council chambers in the administrative building on the corner of Don Pasqual and Main Street.

Meeting dates for the remainder of 2005 are:

November 3 & 17 December 8 & 29

Meetings begin at 6 p.m. Once in a while meetings are rescheduled so check with village officials at 839-3840 to be sure a meeting has not been changed.

The agenda will be available at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled meeting from the bulletin board in the lobby of the Administration Office, located at 660 Main Street NW, Los Lunas, NM; the Los Lunas Library located at 460 Main Street in Los Lunas, NM; and posted on the village website (address: www.loslunasnm.gov).

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Municipal Judge Jeff Aragon
Village Administrator

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Chief of Police Nick Balido

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up to provide transport to the Transportation Center at Juan Perea and Courthouse Roads. This is located by the railroad tracks where the Rail Runner Express will stop as part of the service between Belen and Bernalillo.

The transportation program will be run out of the new center once it is opened which is expected to be November, 2006, after an anticipated ground breaking in February.

Pearl Lucero is the transportation coordinator. There is a dispatcher, clerk/driver, five drivers and a half-time mechanic.

Housing Program

The primary mission of the village's housing program is to provide housing assistance to low income citizens and to continually seek additional federal funding to introduce additional programs.

The Housing Authority provides housing assistance to the very low and low income citizens throughout Valencia County. Current programs include Section 8 Rental Assistance, Family Self Sufficiency (FSS), Homeless Prevention, and Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation. The Housing Authority is funded and regulated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Support is also provided by the County of Valencia as they provide a part-time administrative staff member.

Home ownership is a newer focus of the program. People are being educated on how to be a home owner and helped in the transition from paying rent to paying a house payment.

Pamela Ewers is director of the Village's Section Eight Housing Program which provides services to residents across the county.

Facilities Management

The Wellness Center on Lambros Loop houses the office for the Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children as well as those for the DWI and Housing Programs. In addition, rooms are used by groups such as Alcoholics and Gamblers Anonymous and people interested in yoga, meditation and other activities. Classes and other services are also held in the building.

The Community Services Department is responsible for one other function — serving as the Designated Employer Representative for the village's drug and alcohol program. Frank Otero says this involves serving as a source for referrals for employees who have problems with drugs and/or alcohol through the Employee Assistance Program.

If you have questions about the Community Services Department and its programs call 839-3859.



The Village's Wellness Center, located on Lambros Loop on the village's east side, is the home to the DWI and Section 8 Housing Programs as well as functioning as a place for classes and meetings.

VISIT WITH SANTA AT SANTA'S PARK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2005

2:00 PM DANIEL FERNANDEZ PARK

1103 HIGHWAY 314 SOUTH LOS LUNAS

STOCKING GIVEN TO CHILDREN PRESENT



Election in March For Village Voters

The village will hold a municipal election on March 7, 2006.

All registered voters who live in the village limits may vote for the position of mayor and judge. Registered voters in Council Districts Two and Four will also be voting for a village councilor.

The maps to the left show the areas for Council Districts Two and Four.

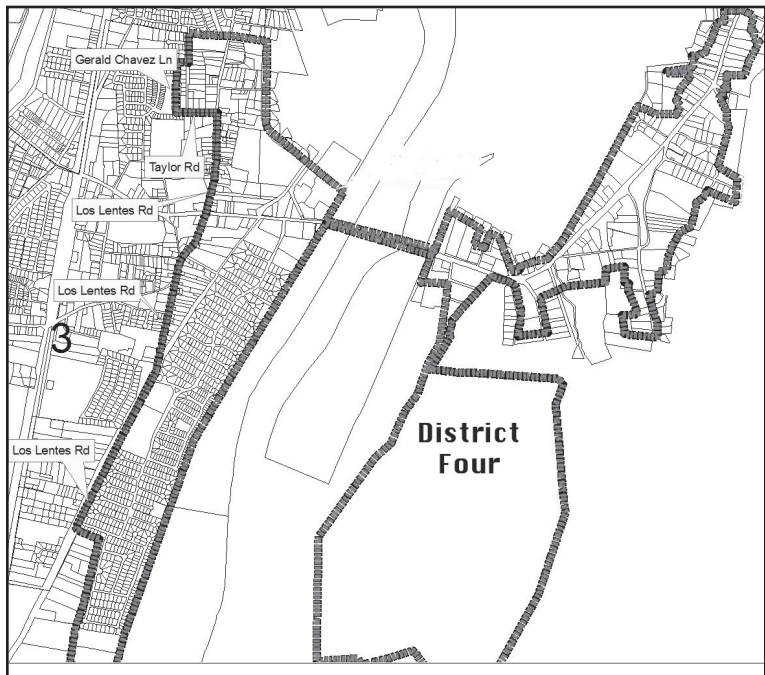
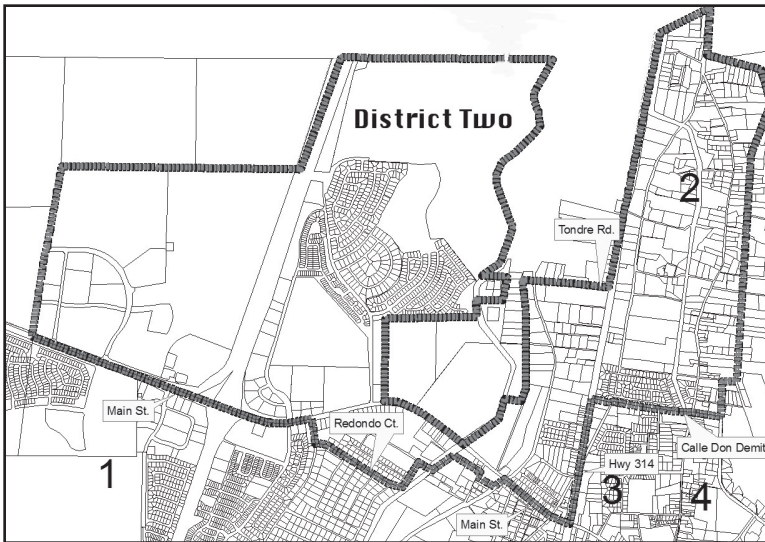
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If you are not registered to vote then contact the Bureau of Elections at the Valencia County Clerk's office, located in the county courthouse on Luna Avenue or phone 866-2080.

Candidates must file for office only on Tuesday, January 10, 2006 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. This is the only time to declare for office in this election unless the person files to be a write-in candidate.



Christmas Light Parade

Saturday, December 3 6:30 PM

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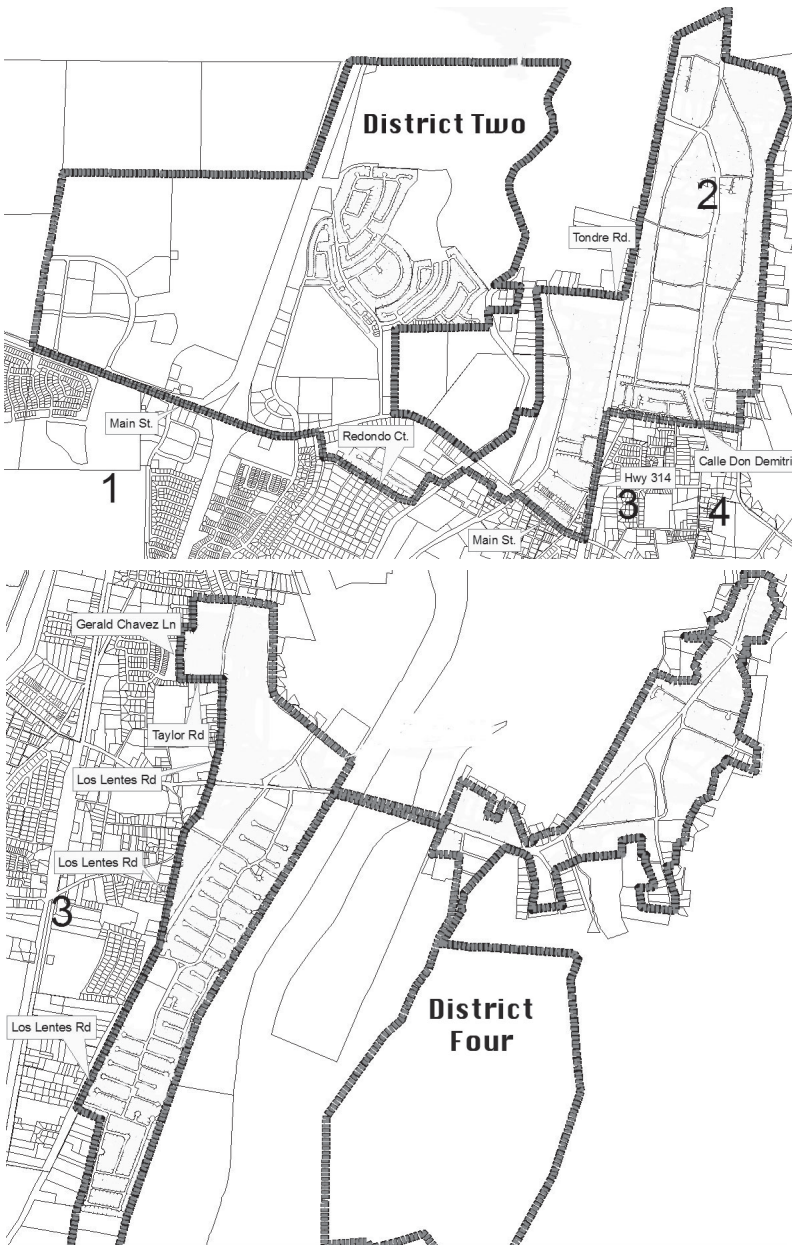
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Los Lunas Village Council District Two

includes the area north of Calle Don Demetrio around North Los Lentes, the area around Don Pasqual from Tondre Road south to Main Street, the area from Redondo north of Main Street and the areas around Los Cerritos Road including Los Cerritos, Buena Vista, Avenidas and Sierra Vista.

Los Lunas Village Council District Four

includes the area in the village limits east of the Rio Grande, North Los Lentes south from Don Demetrio to Main Street and South Los Lentes.

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